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## THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

Welcome to the best opinion pieces of the week from **News From The States**. Our commentary includes our own journalists from across our extensive network as well as outside voices to bring a wide range of perspectives and ideas. In addition to the sampling below, [you can look through all our commentary here](#).

### TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

## *Pornography, political correctness and campus free speech*

**Ruth Conniff** | *Wisconsin Examiner*



*Republican defenders of free speech on campus are not rushing to the defense of the UW La Crosse chancellor who was fired for making pornographic videos  
(Photo by Mirage C. Getty Images)*

The news about UW-La Crosse Chancellor Joe Gow, who was fired on Dec. 27 for producing pornographic videos with his wife, dropped just in time to stir up some juicy gossip at New Year's cocktail parties.

In a joint statement, UW System president Jay Rothman called Gow's conduct "abhorrent" and UW System Regent President Karen Walsh said the Regents, who voted unanimously to can Gow, were "alarmed and disgusted" by his actions.

The official statement didn't go into detail about Gow's "Sexy Happy Couple" enterprise, which apparently blends cooking lessons with graphic sex.

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[\*Then we all agree: Climate change is real and Montana has an obligation to do something about it\*](#)

**Darrell Ehrlick** | *Daily Montanan*

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[\*LGBTQ+ Ohioans have been used as a punching bag my whole life. Why can't they just leave us alone?\*](#)

**David DeWitt** | *Ohio Capital Journal*

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[\*2024 will bring a reckoning between Trump perception and reality.\*](#)

**Michael Leppert** | *Indiana Capital Chronicle*

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[\*The GOP bet big on tax cuts for the rich. They got historic labor victories instead\*](#)

**Susan J. Demas** | *Michigan Advance*

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[\*Oklahomans need Ryan Walters to step up, take hands-on role leading education agency.\*](#)

**Janelle Stecklein** | *Oklahoma Voice*

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[\*Kentucky has the money for once. Will the legislature have the vision?\*](#)

**Jamie Lucke** | *Kentucky Lantern*

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*How will Nevada Republicans observe January 6 this year?*

**Hugh Jackson** | *Nevada Current*

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